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EO 11652: GDS
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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT GEISEL SEEMED UNUSUALLY CORDIAL AT CREDENTIALS CEREMONY. HE SPEND LONGER THAN USUAL, AND WAS APPARENTLY ANXIOUS TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE BRAZIL ATTACHES TO CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US. END SUMMARY.

2. I CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT GEISEL GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS PLEASED WITH HIS RECENT VISIT TO BRAZIL AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP HE HAD ESTABLISHED
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WITH GEISEL AND WAS INTERESTED IN CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL. GEISEL RECIPROCATED SENTIMENTS COMPLETELY AND SAID HE FOUND VISITS PRODUCTIVE INCLUDING PREVIOUS VISIT BY MRS. CARTER.

3. I SAID USG CONSIDERED CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WITH BRAZIL ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AND THAT I LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OFFICIALS OF HIS

GOVERNMENT ON THESE MATTERS. GEISEL ASSURED ME OF COOPERATION AND WISHED ME SUCCESS IN MY MISSION IN BRAZIL. I THOUGHT AT THIS POINT NORMALLY BRIEF EXCHANGE ON THESE OCCASIONS WOULD END BUT GEISEL CONTINUED BY EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S OFFER OF DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THEM. HE THEN WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH TO EMPHASIZE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND BRAZIL AND IMPORTANCE BRAZIL ATTACHES TO WORKING WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED WE WOULD NOT ALWAYS AGREE BUT WAS CERTAIN, IN VIEW OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS THAT DISAGREEMENTS WOULD BE FEW. I TOLD HIM THAT I AGREED COMPLETELY WITH HIS VIEWS (WHICH WERE ALMOST VERBATIM WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SAID PUBLICLY IN BRAZIL).

4. PRESIDENT AGAIN WELCOMED ME AND WISHED ME SUCCESS. HE SAID THAT "ALL DOORS WOULD BE OPEN" TO ME INCLUDING HIS OWN. I THANKED HIM AND ASSURED HIM THAT IT WAS MY OBJECTIVE TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH HIM AND OFFICIALS OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT. PRESIDENT GEISEL WAS VERY AFFABLE AND DESIROUS OF CONVEYING A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE. (AS WE WALKED OUT HIS AIDE SAID TO ME THAT I COULD SEE THAT GEISEL WAS A WARM AND FRIENDLY INDIVIDUAL AND NOT THE STERN, COLD PERSON HE IS PICTURED TO BE.) GEISEL LAID SPECIAL STRESS IN HIS TONE ON PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HE WAS ALSO EMPHATIC IN WANTING TO RESTORE THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH US. GEISEL SEEMED

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CLEARLY TO BE SAYING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT AND THE ARRIVAL OF HIS NEW AMBASSADOR HAD RE-ESTABLISHED FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND BRAZIL AND HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING HE COULD TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.
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